



Topeka Bible Church
Lessons from Lazarus: Dealing with Pain in a World of Hurt
#2: The Expectation of Hope and Joy
Community Group Study Questions
John 11:1-44 and selected passages

1. Do you consider yourself to be a person of hope? Why is it so much easier to approach life from a pessimistic point of view rather than an optimistic one? How does God desire us to approach life (*Romans 15:13*)?

2. How did Jesus know that Lazarus' sickness would not end in death (*John 11:4; 5:19-21; cf. 10:30*)? What does it mean for God to be glorified (*cf. John 9:3*)? Have you ever seen Christ glorified in the midst of your grief (*cf. Genesis 50:20*)?

3. Jesus told Martha that Lazarus would rise again (*John 11:23*). What did Martha understand these words to mean (*John 11:24*)? What event was Martha referring to (*Daniel 12:2; John 5:28-29*)?

4. What does Jesus mean when He says that He is "the resurrection and the life" (*John 11:25*)? Why are these words significant (*John 11:26; 3:15-16*)? Do you believe these words to be true of Jesus (*John 6:40*)?

